



Bear Pole at Inner Harbour Unveiled

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The Bear Pole on the upper causeway at the corner of Belleville and Government Streets has been reconditioned as part of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority's (GVHA) five year anniversary celebrations. The pole was carved by Mr. Henry Hunt in 1966 in honour of First Nations participation in British Columbia's centennial celebrations. The recent work, undertaken by Mr. Hunt's son -- Mr. Tony Hunt, is now complete and will be unveiled in a brief ceremony on Friday, April 13, 2007 at 12:00 noon on the upper causeway. The GVHA Board of Directors and Chiefs of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nation will be in attendance for this event.

The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) was incorporated as a not-for-profit society in February 2002, and began operating its four port facilities (Wharf Street, Ship Point/ Government Street, Fisherman's Wharf and Ogden Point) divested from Transport Canada in the spring and summer of 2002. The GVHA's Board is comprised of Directors representing the Authority's Member governments and organizations (Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, Provincial Capital Commission, City of Victoria, Township of Esquimalt, the Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society, Tourism Victoria, the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, and the Capital Regional District), and up to four Community Directors.

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